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1. The use of anti-tank rifles by infantry units was discontinued in about 1947. The latest editions of Soviet manuals make no mention of them.
2. During night exercises infantry units are using illumination flares attached to barbed wire obstacles and set off by trip wires. The flare illuminates the surrounding area for approximately 20 seconds and appears to be an effective defensive device.
3. A new rocket launcher was demonstrated to a group of commanding officers at the Military Training Camp Libava (P50/007) in October 1951. The launcher was similar in construction to the Soviet Katyusha. It can fire either a single rocket, or a salvo of about 36 rockets. It is fired by an electric device. The launcher was designed and produced in Czechoslovakia.
4. Source has never heard that Czechoslovakia was either producing or testing any kind of guided missiles.

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